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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE: COMMITTEE I-DEVELOPMENT
AUGUST 26

1. COMMITTEE I COMPLETED ITS WORK AUGUST 26, EXCEPT FOR APPROVAL OF REPORT THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AUGUST 27.
 2. VAGUE RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY CANADA, ECUADOR, AND EGYPT URGING STUDY OF COMPLEX FACTORS AFFECTING DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC PATTERNS APPROVED. EFFORT BY BULGARIA, USSR, BRAZIL, ALGERIA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO DELETE "ASSISTANCE IN FIELD OF FAMILY PLANNING" BY UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DEFEATED WITH HELP OF MEXICO.
 3. VAGUE INDONESIAN RESOLUTION URGING CONCERN FOR "MATERIAL AND NON-MATERIAL" ASPECTS OF LIFE IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS WITHDRAWN AFTER MONGOLIA, BULGARIA, ALGERIA AND KENYA ARGUED ITS DUPLICATION
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OF OTHER COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS.

4. RESOLUTION BY U.S., CHAD, AND BANGLADESH, CALLING ATTENTION TO SERIOUS FOOD PROBLEMS AND URGING FULL PARTICIPATION IN UN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AS WELL AS OTHER MEASURES TO INCREASE FOOD SUPPLY WAS FINALLY APPROVED. JUST PRIOR ADOPTION, BARBADOS, GUYANA, JAMAICA, AND TRINIDAD & TOBAGO INTRODUCED AMENDMENT ACCUSING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF "DISPROPORTIONATE CONSUMPTION OF WORLD RESOURCES" AND CALLING FOR REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND "MORE EQUITABLE UTILIZATION" OF RESOURCES. THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR IDEA BEHIND AMENDMENT BUT MEXICO, BANGLADESH AND NETHERLANDS ARGUED EFFECTIVELY FOR SEPARATION THIS IDEA FROM U.S. RESOLUTION AND IF NECESSARY A SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE. THIS AGREED TO AND TEXT OF RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY UNITED STATES, CHAD AND BANGLADESH AND ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE I AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS A CONSIDERABLE PROPORTION OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS LIVING IN REGIONS OF PRECARIOUS FOOD SUPPLY AND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF INHABITANTS ARE UNDERNOURISHED AND MILLIONS ARE FACED WITH POSSIBLE STARVATION, AND

CONSIDERING THAT WEATHER CONDITIONS IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT FOOD GROWING AREAS HAVE BEEN UNFAVOURABLE SO THAT GRAIN CROPS IN 1974 MAY NOT EVEN EQUAL THE 1973 GRAIN PRODUCTION, AND PRODUCTION IS FURTHER THREATENED BY THE SCARCITY OF FERTILIZER IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD EVEN AT PRESENT HIGHER PRICES, AND BY THE ADVERSE TERMS OF TRADE FACED BY MANY COUNTRIES THAT MUST IMPORT FOOD, AND

CONSIDERING THAT THE ASSISTANCE BEING GRANTED TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS INSUFFICIENT IN COMPARISON WITH THE POTENTIALITIES OF THE ARABLE LAND TO BE DEVELOPED TO MEET THE EVER GROWING FOOD NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING WORLD POPULATION, AND

RECOGNIZING THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF POPULATION GROWTH DEPENDS LARGELY ON A BALANCE BETWEEN THE SIZE OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION AND THE WORLD'S PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS AND VOLUME

OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND THAT WORLD GRAIN STOCKS ARE LOWER THAN IN MANY YEARS SO THAT EVEN GREATER MALNUTRITION AND POSSIBLE STARVATION THREATENS THE WORLD, THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NEXT NOVEMBER IN ROME, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ASSIGNING HIGHER PRIORITY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES TO FOOD PRODUCTION AND FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND DO ALL POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION AND APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION OF BOTH FOOD AND FERTILIZER IN THE REMAINDER OF 1974 AND THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE DECADE, AND SUPPORT POLICIES THAT WILL IMPROVE THE TERMS OF TRADE FOR FOOD IMPORTING COUNTRIES, AND

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMPETENT UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED

AGENCIES INTENSIFY WORLD FOOD PROGRAMMES IN ORDER TO FORESEE AND REMEDY WORLD FOOD SHORTAGES, AND THAT THEY ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND ACCELERATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DIVERSIFICATION AND PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND OF FERTILIZERS.

5. BARBADOS RESOLUTION THEN PRESENTED. BANGLADESH URGED THAT

RESOLUTION BE DIRECTED AT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT HAVE RECENTLY ACQUIRED SUBSTANTIAL NEW RICHES FROM THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES. SPONSORS FINALLY AGREED TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. FINAL DRAFT DELETED ALL REFERENCES TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND AT SUGGESTION OF U.K. REFERRED TO PRIVILEGED GROUPS WITHIN COUNTRIES AS WELL. ONE OF DRAFT RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY BARBADOS, GUYANA, JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE I AS FOLLOWS:

CONSIDERING THAT A MORE EQUITABLE UTILIZATION OF WORLD RESOURCES IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE IN TRYING TO FIND SOLUTION TO WORLD POPULATION PROBLEMS, AND

CONSIDERING THAT SOME COUNTRIES AND GROUPS WITHIN COUNTRIES CONSUME A MARKEDLY DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THESE RESOURCES, THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

URGES THOSE COUNTRIES AND GROUPS WITHIN COUNTRIES THAT ARE CONSUMING AN EXCESSIVE SHARE OF RESOURCES TO TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THEIR CONSUMPTION OF WORLD RESOURCES AND THEREBY ASSIST THE GLOBAL EFFORT TO ENSURE A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE LIMITED RESOURCES.

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